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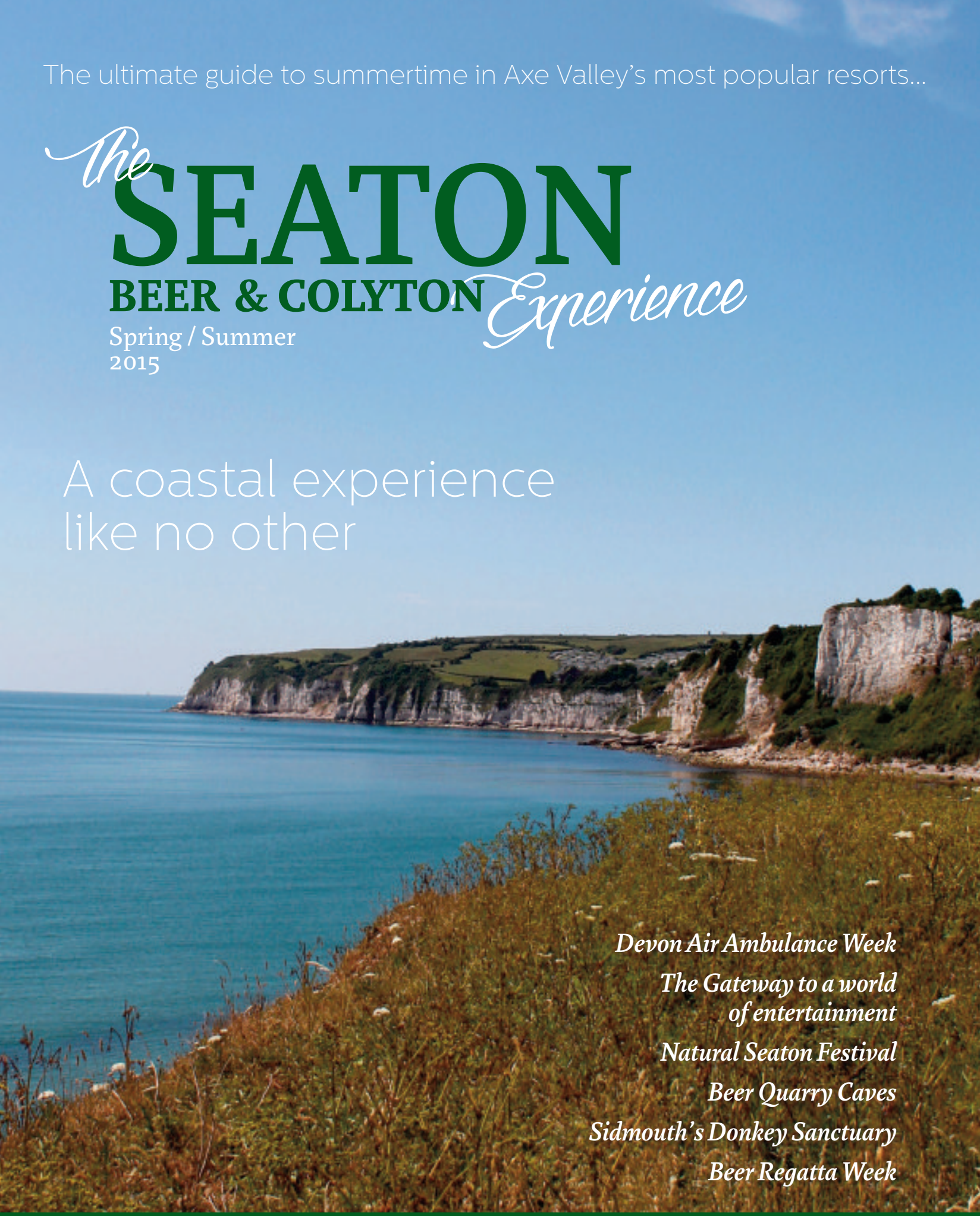

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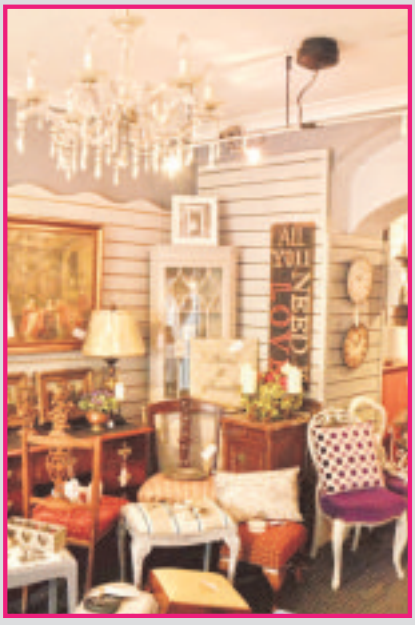

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Welcome to

The Seaton, Beer & Colyton Experience

IN THE heart of the wonderful Axe Valley, you will find Seaton. It's here that sea and countryside come together to offer East Devon's visitors an unforgettable holiday experience.

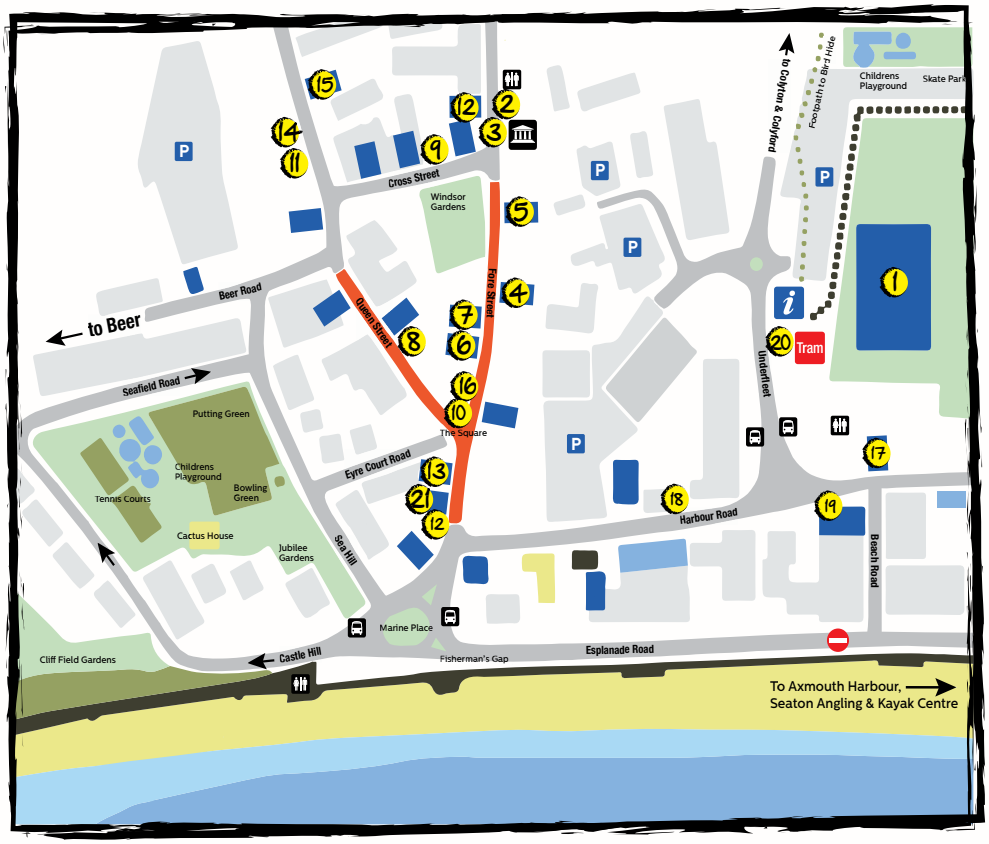
From its stunning coastline and beautiful landscapes to the traditional seaside fun and friendly shops the town has to offer, Seaton has something for everyone. You can get active with a refreshing coastal walk, hit the water on a kayak - or just chill out on the beach. The choice is yours!

Nestling in the centre of Lyme Bay, with the historic port of Axmouth to the east and the quaint fishing village of Beer to the west, Seaton provides the ideal base for sampling the delights of the West Country.

Further inland, the area is peppered with typical Devon villages with the county's most rebellious town, Colyton, a must on the tourist trail.

With its unique wetlands, one of the UK's most acclaimed spots for wildlife watching, safe beaches and numerous holiday attractions, Seaton and its surrounds provides one of the South West's most memorable experiences.

Map of Seaton



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Seaton from another perspective

The view from the sea

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Organised by Seaton Visitor Centre Trust, tickets for the Seaton Bay Cruises are on sale now priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children. A bar and refreshments are available onboard.

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Seaton Museum

Ted Gosling and his 'A-Team' of volunteers invite you to find out more about the history of the Axe Valley, where any visitor to the town will be welcomed to explore Seaton's heritage.

A GOOD museum attracts, entertains, arouses curiosity, leads to questioning and promotes learning. It is an educational institution that is set up and kept in motion that it may help the members of the community to become happier, wiser and more effective human beings.

A museum can help people if they use it; they will only use it if they know about it, and only if attention is given to the interpretation of its possessions in terms that they, the people, will understand.

Success within the physical limitations of the space available and the nature of the museum building can be recognised in Seaton, but here I think we have overcome many difficulties.

The search for standards applicable to every aspect of work in museums has long been a serious concern.

The best way to improve museums is to examine thoroughly all that a particular museum stands for and does, and I know we have succeeded at this in Seaton.

As a group, small museums might be regarded as essentially a small-town phenomenon - the gathering together of the local history of a community in a predominantly parochial way, without regard to the wider view.

Successful museums rely as much on the support of their visitors as on the commitment of their volunteers, and here in Seaton we are fortunate in having a small voluntary group of local enthusiasts who man our museum as door stewards, and can be rightly called 'The A-Team'.

Most museum visitors are, in essence, enquiries, for curiosity is the human impulse from which springs the whole concept of museums.

There is thus, for all enquiries, one golden rule - be as helpful as possible. This season I will be available at the museum on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, when all visitors and local residents will have full access to all the information held in the museum including all family tree records.

TED GOSLING,
Curator

NEW EXHIBITION
Roman Seaton

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■ SEATON Museum curator, Ted Gosling, with a copy of the 1862 survey of the Manor Seaton, currently on display. It lists every property, along with its layout, name and age of the occupiers, and the conditions of lease

Axe Valley Heritage Museum

The Town Hall, Seaton EX12 2LD
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Monday to Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.15pm - 5.00pm

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The museum covers all aspects of the Axe Valley: history, archaeology, geology, natural history and much more. Other Displays feature Victorian costume, Hontion Lace, tradesmen's tools and equipment and in addition an excellent collection of photographs and documents. Also all you want to know about Roman Seaton, your family tree records, the salt marsh and an interesting fossil display.

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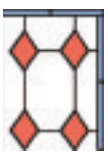

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Axmouth's iconic house is on sale for £2million

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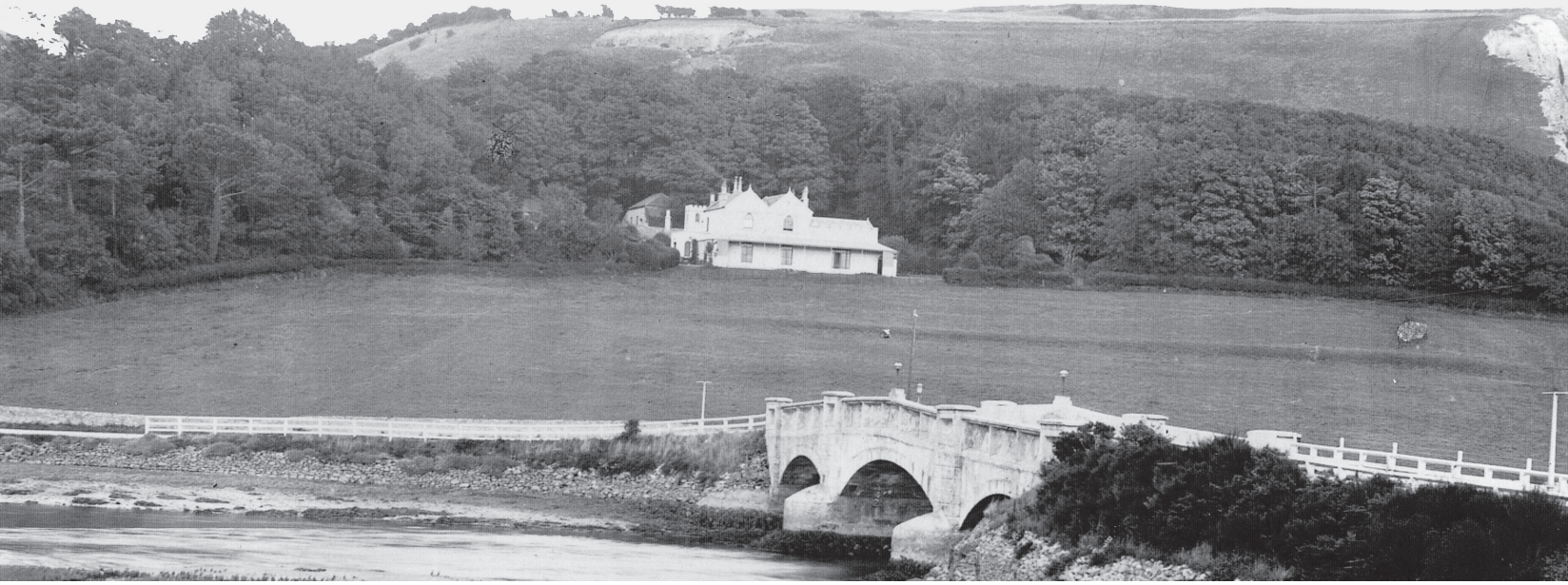
HAVEN Cliff House circa 1900 (below) and as it looks today (top and right)



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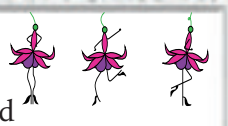

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Tribute nights at the Colyton Station include a 60s extravaganza, Tom Jones and Elvis. Scares aplenty are in store for Halloween with The Electric Shock O'Horror Zombie Fest, and new for 2015, The Polar Express Experience by Tram. The ever popular Bird Hide on Wheels trips are also back.

New for 2015 is the Seaton Branch Line Tour led by expert guide and former train driver Mike Clement – step back in time and discover the history of the Seaton branch line with the tailor-made tour, not forgetting the An Evening at Café Rene & 'Allo Allo' on September 25th.

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SEATON AIR AMBULANCE WEEK
25TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST 2015

ONE of Seaton's most popular summer attractions, Devon Air Ambulance Week, returns from July 25th to August 2nd. Now in its sixth year, the event is set to raise even more funds for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

This year it will cost £4.5 million to keep the air ambulances flying; next year this will increase to £5.5 million as from autumn 2016 DAA plan to be flying into the night - right the way up until midnight.

The Air Ambulance Week fun begins on the evening of Saturday, July 25th with comedy hypnotist Niall Flannery at PJs. Tickets are £5 and the event is for over 18s. There will also be a fundraising auction during the interval.

The following day (Sunday, July 26th) the Jurassic Coast Bikers are in town, where an array of stunning two-wheeled machines will be parked up on the Esplanade from 10am-4:30pm.

The following weekend boasts two action packed days of attractions. On the Saturday (August 1st) there will be a dog show, car boot sale, ponies, face painting, children's rides and all day entertainment. DAAT staff will be on hand to offer visitors information.

The highlight for many will be the dog show, which takes place at 1pm (registration from 11:30pm). Entry classes are:
1). Puppy up to 12 months;
2). Veteran 7 plus;
3). Rescue Dog/Bitch;
4). Pedigree Dog/Bitch;
5). Mongrel Dog/Bitch;
6). Fancy Dress;
7). Dog Judge Would Most Like To Take Home;
8). Best In Show
Entry is £1.50 per class (except Best In Show, which is free to enter) with rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and special classes.

On stage entertainment on the Saturday includes:
Seaton Brownies (12noon-12:45pm);
Adam Sweet (1pm-1:45pm);
The Awesomes featuring guest vocalists (2pm-3:45pm);
Vinyl Monkeys - two 1hr sets (4pm-6:30pm);
At the Vultures Desk (6:30-7:30pm);
DJ Yellowman (Rasta Steve) (7:45pm-9:30pm).

The fun continues on August 2nd with a classic car show and children's rides. Other attractions include:
Seaton Majorettes (12noon);
FMS (Fran and Mary) (1pm-2pm);
Fire Brigade RTA demo (2pm-2:30pm);
Short Circuit (3pm-4pm);
Ash (80s covers) (4pm-5pm);
Red Sparrows (5pm-5:30pm);
Diamond Dogz (7pm-8pm).

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Seaton Carnival Week

29th August - September 5th 2015

THIS year's marks the 50th anniversary of Seaton Carnival.

The week long celebration begins on August Bank Holiday weekend with the crowning of the Carnival Queen, which is followed by a whole host of events, shows and activities to add to the carnival fun.

The following Saturday evening sees Seaton town centre streets closed off, as crowds of spectators pick their spot along the route of the carnival procession to watch the parade of floats.

There are also costumed walking entries, many of whom are also illuminated - just like the floats. You will also see troupes of majorettes, smaller floats, street bands, motorcycle outriders and local clubs & organisations.

The 2015 Seaton Illuminated Carnival Procession will be on Saturday 5th September starting at 8pm on The Esplanade.

The carnival committee works hard all year round to organise events to keep the carnival going in Seaton and raise funds for local charities and worthy causes.

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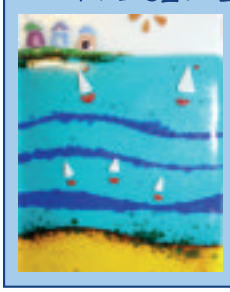

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Jurassic Centre on the way

SEATON Jurassic is East Devon's exciting new attraction, set to open next year. The visitor centre will tell the unique story of geology and marine ecology of the Jurassic Coast – England's first natural UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An updated schedule for the opening of the new centre has now been confirmed. The main build has fallen behind schedule with the fit out of the café taking place through August and September, rather than July as previously hoped.

The exhibition halls will be completed during the autumn as planned. The centre will be completed in January, ready for opening in early spring 2016.

A partial opening of Seaton Jurassic had been planned for early summer, but to ensure the highest standards expected of this unique visitor attraction, the project team has decided to hold a single opening event early in 2016 at the start of the tourist season in East Devon.

Seaton residents will still have the opportunity to see Seaton Jurassic before it opens fully to the public in special taster events through the autumn and winter.

Mike Ruiter, Seaton Jurassic centre manager, said: "We were aiming to give the Seaton community a first glimpse of the centre by opening its café, shop and reception area this summer.

"But we wouldn't now be able to open the completed café until late August, so we would only be able to catch the very end of the busy summer months.

"Visitor numbers to Seaton are much lower throughout the autumn and winter, so it seems much more sensible to open the completed centre in the coming spring when the tourist season picks up again."

Harry Barton, chief executive of Devon Wildlife Trust who will manage the centre, added: "I entirely understand that some people will be frustrated by the later opening of the cafe.

"With a complex project like this delays in the build are sometimes unavoidable. But it does give us the opportunity to complete every element of the centre to the highest standards and to open it at the very best time of the year.

"We will still be supporting local events this summer and through the autumn, including the Natural Seaton Festival."

Mike Ruiter continued: "Seaton Jurassic is already establishing itself as an important part of the town, with volunteers helping at our outreach events and the Seaton Visitor Centre Trust leading a community fundraising appeal for our wildlife garden.

"There will be many more opportunities for local people to get involved in the coming months. We also plan to give people 'behind the scenes' access to the building with preview events before we open in spring 2016 as well as organising other activities for children and families."

Seaton Jurassic aims to attract more than 50,000 people to Seaton each year. Opening at Easter 2016, the centre is owned by East Devon District Council and forms part of the council's regeneration activities aimed at boosting the local economy.

Richard Cohen, deputy chief executive of East Devon District Council said: "Seaton Jurassic is an outstanding accomplishment for East Devon and we are enormously proud of what has been achieved.

"The project team has been working exceptionally hard over recent months to take the project forward and we are delighted with the results. We hope that the centre will contribute greatly to the town's economy and help generate this wonderful local asset."

Situated on England's first Natural World Heritage Site, Seaton Jurassic will celebrate the area's unique local geological, coastal and marine heritage.

The centre, which is operated by Devon Wildlife Trust, will engage people with East Devon's amazing local natural environment.

For more information call 01392 279 244 or visit seatonjurassic.org

■ AN artist's impression of the completed centre (below) and how the site currently looks (main picture)

THE GATEWAY

TO THE WORLD OF SHOWBIZ

THE Gateway at Seaton's Town Hall has a packed summer of events lined up, from live comedy and top tribute bands, to screenings of opera, rock concerts, and Hollywood blockbusters.

ORIGINAL members of **Grateful Dead** are reuniting this July for special 50th anniversary concerts at Chicago's Soldier Field, and The Gateway will be screening one of these historic gigs on Saturday, July 11th.

'Fare Thee Well' marks the Grateful Dead Members' Final Performance Together!

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Grateful Dead, the four original members — Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, Phil Lesh, and Bob Weir — will reunite at Chicago's Soldier Field, nearly 20 years to the day of the last Grateful Dead concert, which took place at the same venue. The band will be joined by Trey Anastasio (guitar), Jeff Chimenti (keyboards), and Bruce Hornsby.

Tickets are £10. Doors Open 7.30pm.

THE hugely successful **Gateway Comedy Grove Night** returns for its second outing the following Friday, July 17th

Featuring five comedians, the night will be compered by *Gareth Berliner*.

A comedian and actor, Gareth has been touring the comedy circuit for over 8 years, and has popped up for a short run in Coronation Street as 'Macca'.

Mixing high energy and clever writing, *Jon Wagstaffe* - a simple country lad from Tewkesbury - will have the audience warming to him instantly.

Bristol-based *George Rigden* is a musical comic. Although he's only been gigging for two years, he's already supported the likes of Stephen Merchant, Russell Howard and Rob Beckett.

Dan Evans has been gigging his twisted logic since 1994, a span seeing him perform in Holland, Germany and Dubai, as well as sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Headliner for the nights is *George Egg*. Wildly brandishing the world's second largest briefcase containing a battery of ridiculous props, George bounds onto the stage to perform one of the most original, interesting, innovative, and absurdly whimsical comedy performances you are ever likely to see. A true cross between alternative stand-up comedy and music hall variety.

George has supported huge names including Lee Mack, Mickey Flannagan and Jack Dee.

DISNEY'S **Into The Woods** will be shown on the big screen at The Gateway on Friday, July 24th.

As the result of the curse of a once-beautiful witch (Meryl Streep), a baker (James Corden) and his wife (Emily Blunt) are childless. Three days before the rise of a blue moon, they venture into the forest to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell and restore the witch's beauty: a milk-white cow, hair as yellow as corn, a blood-red cape, and a slipper of gold. During their journey, they meet Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack, each one on a quest to fulfill a wish.

Into The Woods is certificate PG. Doors open 7.30pm and tickets are £5.

ONE of the world's most spectacular events, Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, is returning to cinema screens in 2015 with *Verdi's* **Aida**, and The Gateway will be showing the very special performance on Sunday, September 20th.

In Aida, Verdi masterfully pits the intimate affairs of the heart against the grandeur of the universe: where kingdoms rise and fall and the sands of time grind onwards.

There could be no grander setting for such an opera than Sydney Harbour itself: awash with the light of the city and the Sydney Opera House silhouetted against the setting sun.

It's a monumental undertaking, with a team of more than 700 people involved in the project before a single note is heard over the harbour.

Aida is the biggest opera they've ever performed on the opera stage. But amid all of the spectacle, the famous 'Triumphal March', battle scenes and ancient temples, there's an emotional heart.

Doors open 1.30pm, for 2pm performance. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17.50 on the door.

PUT on your RayBans and dig out your fedora - **The Joliet Blues Band** are playing live at The Gateway on Saturday, September 26th.

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Tickets are £13 in advance or £16 on the door.

Other shows taking place at The Gateway this summer include:

- National Theatre's ***Everyman*** on Thursday, July 16th
- Live streaming of ***Andre Rieu's Mastrich Concert*** on Saturday, July 18th
- Royal Shakespeare Company's ***Merchant of Venice*** on Wednesday, July 22nd
- Royal Shakespeare Company's ***Othello*** on Wednesday, August 26th
- National Theatre's ***The Beaux Strategem*** on Wednesday, September 9th
- ***Last Night of the Proms*** on Saturday, September 12th

For more details or to book tickets call 01297 625699 or visit the website at www.seatongateway.co.uk. A licensed bar is available at all shows. *Please note any tickets purchased online will incur 50p surcharge.*

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SEATON ANGLING & KAYAK CENTRE

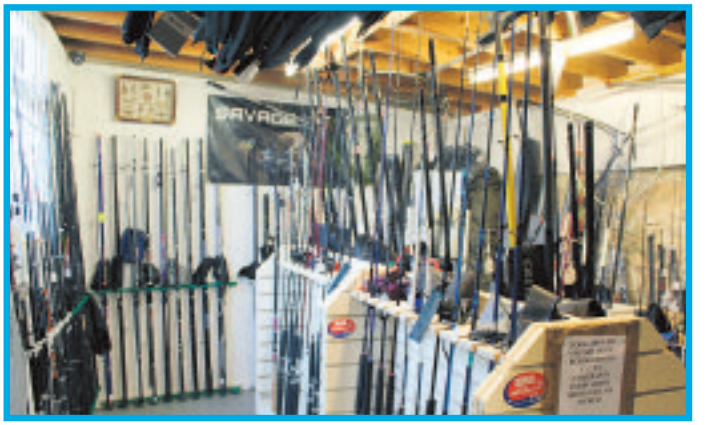
SEATON Angling Centre has everything you need for both sea and freshwater fishing. Chris Chappell, who opened the centre nine years ago, prides himself on stocking a comprehensive range of equipment and fresh live bait.

The shop offers a great selection of fishing gear and clothing, with new stock arriving weekly. The shop also has a good selection of paddleboards.

Seaton Angling Centre stocks a wide range of rods and reels including products by Greys, Daiwa Grauvells, Okuma, Penn and Snowbee as well as tackle and bait including fresh live dug rag, lug, peelers and sandeels alongside a variety of frozen baits.

Chris' newly expanded range of fishing kayaks, starting at £250, includes an 8ft and 12ft touring model. All the kayaks come equipped with oars and seats.

One of the new models available is the Winner Xplorer – a hybrid fishing kayak and tourer. It glides beautifully through the water and steers with pinpoint accuracy.



The kayaks come with a textured anti-slip deck and solid stainless steel fasteners. The hull is made from tough roto-molded LDPE, whilst the seating area is very spacious. There's also a great choice of colours to choose from.

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Chris also has a new selection of wetsuits in stock with adult sizes from £35.99 and children's from £11.99.

Adults and kids' buoyancy aids are also available, along with lifejackets.

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If you're looking for a good long and historic walk

Axmouth is a good place to start

IF YOU'RE looking for a good long and historic walk, Axmouth is a good place to start – for the tiny village just east of Seaton boasts a history walk that goes on for 182 miles, to Lincoln.

Although historians argue about this, but Axmouth claims to be the start [or finish] of England's ancient Fosse Way, the Roman road to Lincoln which was built after the Roman invasion of AD43.

For long before the Romans arrived with their obsession with straight lines Axmouth was the most important harbour in the ancient West. It was here that Phoenician traders came during the glory period of those ancient seafarers of 1550-300 BC and it is probable that when the Romans did get here that they were initially following in the wake of that older civilization.

After the Romans the far-more-feared Vikings sailed up the River Axe to pillage, slay and conquer until they were routed hereabouts by King Athelstan at the great Battle of Brunanburh in AD937.

Now there is much historical controversy about the Battle of Brunanburh and as the few records of the time are somewhat inexact, the site of the battle is generally recognised to be either in Lancashire, Northumberland, Yorkshire, Dumfriesshire, or near Musbury, just down the river from Axmouth.

Naturally, we side with local historians and thus it was near Axmouth that 'the Waterloo of the 10th Century' raged over who would rule England, a Saxon or a Norse king, and we won.

Those wishing to follow where the Vikings sailed could do not better than contact the Axe Valley Canoe Club, an excellent association promoting one of the most popularly-growing sports and leisure pursuits of recent times.

The canoe club is the place to go for all local information on touring, white water and sea paddling and courses for canoes and kayaks. One of its main events of the year – Bob's Open Canoe Weekend, named after the late club stalwart Bob Ottley – is held over the weekend of July 5th and 6th, when scores of paddlers will comes from all over the UK to take part. For more information and times of the weekend's events, check the website www.axevalecc.co.uk

Axmouth Harbour also provides a home for the popular Axe Yacht Club.

Annual festival celebrating the environment returns...

Natural Seaton

THIS year's Natural Seaton Festival takes place on Saturday, July 18th at Thury Harcourt Place and will, for the first time, be in sight of Seaton Jurassic. The new visitor centre is taking shape with the opening scheduled for spring next year.

Seaton Visitor Centre Trust campaigned for more than 15 years for the attraction, so the charity is delighted that their dream is becoming a reality.

The festival, which runs from 10am until 4pm and is free to visit, celebrates the natural world around the town with lots to see and do for all the family. This year's highlight is a falcon flying display from Devon Bird of Prey Centre. People of all ages can use their creative talents with willow weaving and driftwood design. There will be plenty of stalls providing information about local groups that help people get to know the natural world including the RSPB, Devon Wildlife Trust and Seaton Wetlands, and those who encourage people to be active in this town of outdoor adventure. Food and drink including cream teas and a barbecue will ensure no-one goes hungry or thirsty.

Bernard Dunford, chairman of the SVCT, said "This year's Natural Seaton Festival promises to be the best ever with more stalls and entertainment than ever before and especially because of the new Seaton Jurassic so close to being complete and providing this town with a much needed visitor attraction that celebrates Seaton's unique location."

For the more active there is a trip to Goat Island on The Undercliffs, at a cost of £10, including a Land Rover ride and walk, courtesy of Natural England.

In addition SVCT is running some cruises along the Jurassic Coast during the summer months. These must be booked in advance with details on the web site www.seatonvisitorcentretrust.org

The trust is currently fundraising to support the creation of the wildlife garden that runs alongside Seaton Jurassic and will be providing volunteers to help maintain the garden.

Come and meet them at the Natural Seaton Festival to find out more. Follow @seatonvct on Twitter for updates and details of more events.

A great place for families...
and a great place for a holiday

Seaton has been welcoming families since the early 19th century

Whether you want to relax or get involved in the year-round outdoor activities, you'll find a warm welcome in Seaton. Throughout the summer the town council hosts family activities in the town centre and on the beach, such as willow weaving workshops, beach walks & pebble painting, balloon crafters, clowns & circus tricks, as well as traditional Punch & Judy shows and more.

If you arrive in late August, the Bank Holiday weekend sees the start of Carnival Week which finishes with a spectacular evening parade of illuminated floats.

THE BEACH

Seaton's mile long stretch of pebbly beach is beautiful at any time of year and perfect for families. There's plenty of opportunity for rock pooling or trying out stand-up paddle boarding (available on the West Walk), or just relaxing. Bouncy Castles and deckchairs are available on selected weekends during the summer.

ATTRACTIONS

Spend a day or two visiting the attractions – Seaton Tramway, Seaton Wetlands, the Labyrinth and the Time Line (rubbings), Seaton Museum, entertainment hub The Gateway, or visit Seaton Swimming pool which is accessed through Elizabeth park playing fields.

FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Enjoy some of the activities, such as Seaton's Treasure Trail. Follow the trail, solve the clues, and see the sights. Pick up your copy from Seaton TIC or see ww.treasuretrails.co.uk/devon/things-to-do-in-seaton for more information.

Or have a go at orienteering - pick up a copy of the new orienteering maps from August at Seaton TIC, or the wetlands and try out the family route from either the town centre (taking in the historic Blue Plaque Trail), or from Seaton Wetlands.

PARKS & GARDENS

Explore the lovely parks, gardens, mile long pebble beach and glorious countryside. Children will love the play park at Seafield Gardens - home to the town's iconic Victorian Clock Tower, outdoor gym equipment, adventure golf course, tennis courts, a children's play area, two hot houses, and a picturesque lily pond overlooking the beach.

Or enjoy sitting in the amphitheatre at Jubilee Gardens where you can and taking in the beautiful sea views, or play chess on the tables.

Up the footpath from the beach to Castle Hill you'll discover Cliff Field Gardens, home to the Seaton Labyrinth and the new Timeline. The park leads to the home of Britain's longest and most popular National Trail, The South West Coast Path – www.southwestcoastpath.com.

Near Thury Harcourt Place, you can access the Underfleet Park, complete with skate park and play area, and which will soon lead to the new Seaton Jurassic centre and through to the Seaton Wetlands. You can also pick up Seaton's new Orienteering Course, which starts at the Tourist Information Centre. Slightly further afield, you'll find Elizabeth Road Play park with its great play facilities for children and large open playing field. You may also access Seaton Swimming pool from here.

KID FRIENDLY EATING OUT

If you are looking for somewhere to eat with the kids, there are plenty of cafes and restaurants catering for all tastes, from restaurants to traditional fish and chips by the sea... but please don't feed the seagulls!

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THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

SIDMOUTH'S Donkey Sanctuary has so much to offer residents and tourists of East Devon – and they're dying to show you.

The world famous charity's motto is "Whatever we do, donkeys come first, second and third" and they mean it. Set in the beautiful rolling countryside, visitors are welcome to take the family on a beautiful walk through amazing scenery, explore the maze and hike down to the secret cove to enjoy the beach.

However for those that want a more hands on experience, visit the barn and meet the friendly donkeys or sign up for the Experience Days where visitors are able to groom, feed and take part in mucking out the donkeys. The site also houses a video room, nature centre and family picnic areas. Visitors can also browse a unique range of donkey gifts and mementoes in the dedicated donkey shop on site.

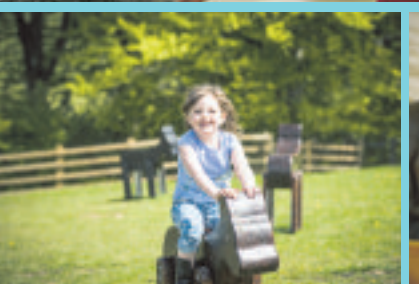
Since Dr Elisabeth Svendsen, MBE, founded The Donkey Sanctuary in 1969 over 16,500 donkeys and mules have found sanctuary for life in the UK and Europe and there are currently 6,200 animals in the charity's care.

The charity was started with the intention of transforming the lives of donkeys, mules and people worldwide through greater understanding, collaboration and support, and by promoting lasting, mutually life-enhancing relationships. There are over 50 million donkeys and mules in the world today and many need care and protection from a lifetime of suffering and neglect.

All of the charity's operations are carried out from Sidmouth whether that be helping donkeys in Romania or building wells in Ethiopia, the central hub of the charity is in Sidmouth, something the staff at the sanctuary are very proud of.

The Donkey Sanctuary is dog and child friendly, so if you're looking for a holiday or a family day out with a difference, and a chance to have close contact with friendly donkeys in a glorious setting, visit the Donkey Sanctuary.

"Whatever we do, donkeys come first, second and third"



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The age of steam is alive and puffing at Pecorama

DESPITE the hideously-clinical modernisation of the railways, enthusiasm for 'proper' trains that don't look like moving offices is so widespread that miniature railways can be found in 13 countries of the world and 55 counties of the British Isles – and one of the best of them is Pecorama, set in the hillside above Beer.

Forty years old this year, the Beer Heights Light Railway has given hours of gleeful fun to thousands and no visit to the Seaton area is complete without experiencing a ride of wonder aboard the trains as they chug through a tunnel and over bridges along the mile-long route with its glorious views of Lyme Bay.

There are eleven locomotives in the Pecorama fleet – Claudine, Mr P, Thomas II, Dickie, Otter, Linda, Gem, Samastipur and the superbly-named Bo-Bo brothers, Jimmy and Alfred – and a ride in the carriages behind any of them is a time of old-style family fun that all ages will remember forever.

Little ones of course love it as they have never experienced anything like a ride on an authentic choo-choo and on any day Pecorama is busy with scores of grandparents thrilling their children's children to a flashback to their yesterdays.

If you're looking for a great gift for dad or grandad, look no further than the Railway Modelling course offered at Pecorama. Making model railways is very much a chaps' thing and in recent years there has been a revival of the days of the Sixties when many homes had their own model railway which Dad or Grandad would painstakingly assemble for family delight every Christmas and on birthdays.

As one of the world's leading manufacturers of model railways, Pecorama offers modelling courses with hands-on instruction on trackwork, layout electrics and making your own baseboard and whilst it may seem very Sheddist to some, the home

railway craze is making a comeback – which is one reason why Pecorama's acclaimed model railway exhibition is now so perpetually popular.

As a one-stop home for all the family, Pecorama also offers magnificent gardens based around a variety of themes, cream teas in a refinely-converted Pullman carriage, crazy golf, outdoor playgrounds and an indoor soft play area for 4 to 12-year-olds that constantly echoes with shrieks of glee.

There are also special events here running throughout the season; art exhibitions, fetes, Kit Construction Days on Tuesdays from July 28th to August 25th, the Teddy Mac Day on August 2nd, and the Beer Heights 40th Anniversary Gala Week from Monday 24th to Monday, August 31st featuring a week-long series of railway events with guest locos on the Beer Heights Light Railway.

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Welcome to Beer

THE village of Beer, once famous for smuggling but now known for its fantastic fishing and beautiful cove – a suntrap sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds, with shingle beach nestling below the chalk cliffs – is the ideal take off point of a bit of mackerel fishing.

Beer's long fishing heritage is still very much alive today, with a colourful population of fishing boats, fresh fish and Beer crab for sale, and mackerel fishing trips.

While the sleek silvery mackerel swim in deep water around 300m deep over winter, they return to the shallows off the coast in the summer months to spawn, often in fast moving shoals numbering in their thousands.

This is where, with the aid of locals that have been fishing these coasts for generations, you can get your hands on a fresh catch of these salty morsels.

A mackerel fishing trip usually lasts from one to three hours and is ideal for children or groups wanting something a bit different for a day out.

Not only do the kids get a fair chance of catching a mackerel (with bait, lines and expert tuition all provided) but a couple of hours on the high seas also provide the chance to see other sea life frolicking in their natural habitat.

Beer is a picturesque village that also offers stunning coastal walks and past not only known for smuggling but also lacemaking and its famous Beer stone.

Beer nestles in a narrow valley that opens out into a natural bay sheltered by towering Beer Head.

Its name is not derived from the drink, but from the old Anglo Saxon word 'bearu' meaning grove which referred to the forest that surrounded the settlement.

Although small, Beer's pleasant flint-studded buildings include interesting shops and galleries, and excellent places to eat.

Contact Seaton Tourist Information Centre on 01297 21660 for more details

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A week of *Regatta regalement*

BEER Regatta Week is packed with a whole host of different events to suit all ages.

From scavenger hunts and children's fun to fireworks and late night dances – you're sure to find something you'll enjoy.

The focus is fun, the mood is happy; hopefully the weather is fine, but even if rainy, the welcome will always be warm.

This year's Regatta Week takes place from Saturday, August 8th - Saturday, August 15th, with the main day on Thursday, August 13th.

Although colourfully carnival in nature, it remains very much a Regatta and therefore based on the sea. There will be sea shanties sung all over the town, angling competitions, mackerel-fishing competitions and, of course, sailing competitions centred on races between the Beer Luggers.

As they will tell you in the town, a Beer Lugger 'is not just any old Lugger with the word Beer stuck in front of it'. It is a design and rig unique to Beer, believed to be descendant from the Viking rig of the Norsemen who raided the Jurassic Coast centuries ago, and the best way of describing its speciality is to ask one of the fishermen.

The races continue with the Beer rowing championship in which some may be 'sheathing'. This is another method special to Beer, describing the practice of standing up facing forward when at the oar.

Yet another Beer speciality is the hilarious and exciting raft race, when craft ingeniously built out of all sorts and crews in all manner of exotic fancy dress set off from the beach to the cheers of all of the town.

Then there's skittles and pavement art competitions, dancing, pebble painting, treasure hunts and everyone, especially the children, is encouraged to get into the fun spirit by fancy dressing of any of the themes from Beer's history – as a smuggler, imitating the infamous Jack Rattenbury, the 18th Century hero of hereabouts, or in lace, to reflect the wonderful craft that was brought to the town around 1570 by Flemish refugees, or maybe Tudorly – as Catherine Parr, sixth wife of Henry VIII, had a home near Beer – or perhaps as an exotic Spaniard, a nod to the survivors of a Spanish shipwreck who settled here in the 17th Century?

BEER QUARRY CAVES

A fascinating labyrinth of centuries-old caverns

ONE of the greatest examples of Britain's industrial genius, a history lesson for us all, is tucked away in the hills just one mile beyond Beer.

For here it was where the hardiest of Devon men quarried the stone that helped to make England's finest buildings.

The Tower Of London, Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, London Bridge, Winchester Cathedral, Exeter Cathedral, Rochester Castle, Hampton Court and some 21 other cathedrals, including Christ Church in St Louis, Missouri, were built using Beer Stone.

No wonder that Sir Tim Smit, director of The Eden Project, calls the caves made by the quarrying 'an inspirational and moving place, inspiring awe'.

The quarry caves are a must-see for any visitor to the Axe Valley, for they are a glorious, wonder-making testament to the best of our nation; our spirit, our grit and our cleverness.

The Romans, famous for doing everything first, started the quarrying here 2,000 years ago after they discovered that Beer Stone's remarkable qualities – it is a limestone of such fine grain that it is soft to easily saw and carve, but then hardens when exposed to the air – were ideal for building their villas hereabouts. The remains of one such villa, Honeyditches, can still be seen at Seaton.

After the Romans, the Saxons moved in to hack at the stone with flint axes. But it was not until Medieval times that Beer truly became Britain's building merchant. Then, the industry here became fevered as the best masons demanded Beer Stone for carving for cathedrals and churches throughout the realm.

It is sobering and, as Sir Tim noted, moving, to reflect on the dexterity of muscle and mind that compounded to quarry the stone. The quarrymen worked by candlelight as they dug further and further into the cliffs, pick-axing and sawing massive slabs of heavy stone which were lifted by hand-operated cranes onto horse-drawn wagons which were driven to barges on Beer beach to be sailed to up the Channel and then down the Thames.

And so it continued for hundreds and hundreds of years until 1920 when the quarrying stopped. On the guided tours of Beer Quarry Caves you can still see the ancient tool mark in the walls, close to the magnificent vaulted roofs and pillars.

You'll see other enchanting things too – the place where after the Reformation persecuted Catholics made a secret church in which to worship and the parts of the caves where the infamous smuggler Jack Rattenbury would hide his contraband barrels of brandy and rum out of the eye of the Excisemen.

And then there's the bats. Six species have moved in to hibernate here in the winter, including the rare Bechstein's Bat, which won the caves the distinction of a site of Special Scientific Interest.

But it is the quarry caves' distinction as a site of special industrial interest which marks it out most as a monument to the glory that man can make. Go, you'll come away amazed and proud.

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Colyton

The home of Britain's last traditional oak bark tannery

THE fortunes of Colyton were based on the wool trade of the 14th and 15th century, but one tradition that has stood the test of time in the historic medieval town is tanning.

No, nothing to do with sun beds, but the art of treating animal skins to turn them into leather.

Colyton's J. & F.J. Baker is Britain's only remaining traditional oak bark tannery. They supply the most exclusive shoemakers, saddlers, interiors and leather workers in the world.

The Baker family bought the tannery over 150 years ago in 1862 and J. & F.J. Baker & Co Ltd remains a family business to this day.

Current managing director, Andrew Parr, is the fifth generation to carry on the traditional methods unique to the tannery.

The Colyton site of J. & F.J. Baker has been a tannery since the Roman times. The site has grown and developed and expanded over centuries and with it the oak bark production techniques, perfecting the art of tanning.

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The expert curriers finish the leather by hand with their own special blend of natural oils and greases that protect and feed the leather whilst simultaneously emphasising the natural grain and colour.

The result is leather that is unrivalled; hardwearing, strong and with distinctive colours.

The quality and luxury of their leather is testimony to the unique tanning methods and the skilled craftsmanship with which every piece of leather is treated.

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Colyford Goose Fayre

FOR one day every autumn, the village of Colyford steps back in time to the Middle Ages. It's like a scene out of Chaucer. There's archery and falconry and shows of thatching and bodging (that's wood-turning using green, unseasoned wood).

Medieval music played on traditional instruments echoes through the lanes and the locals gather to perform a humorous Mummers Play.

And just like it would be here several hundred years ago, stalls sell honey, pottery, leather goods and beer and queue for the ram-roast.

What is it? It's the Colyford Goose Fayre, a fine revival of old England and the continuing of a tradition that goes all the way back to 1208.

It was then that King John granted Colyford a charter to hold a goose fair, originally a market for selling livestock which developed into a day or so of merry-making.

Britain's most famous goose fair, at Nottingham, is world renowned and every year tens of thousands crowd the city for its latest incarnation. But the Nottingham fair didn't start until 1284, Colyford's fayre pre-dates it by two generations.

Although the history of goose fairs, or driving geese to market, goes back even further than that. The famous naturalist Gaius Plinius Secundus records that the Romans had goose fairs in his time.

Goose fairs are always held in the autumn. In Colyford, the fayre is traditionally staged on the last Saturday closest to Michaelmas – September 26th this year, as Michaelmas falls on September 29th.

Why September? The breeding season for geese is February to March, meaning that by September the young geese were at their prime and ready to be got to market. There being no tram in Plinius' or King John's day, the farmers would simply walk them to the fair.

This was no easy task. Besides the fact that there could be many geese to walk on – at one Nottingham fair, 20,000 geese were recorded strolling into the city – in medieval times a goose fair could be leagues away.

Records of the time show that geese were frequently walked from Norfolk to London, a sore-making foot trip of more than 80 miles.

Fortunately, in these kinder days the geese at the Colyford Goose Fayre don't have far to come and tend to be carried in a old cart that forms part of the procession which traditionally parades through the village at 2pm, shortly before the mayor opens the fayre.

For more information on the fayre, visit the website at www.colyfordvillage.co.uk

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Colyton Butchers

Award Winning Devon Butchers

The multi-award winning Colyton Butchers is a family-run business at the heart of the historic market town

MASTER butcher Anton Bolton has 25 years of experience and is particularly passionate about traditional, homemade products. All the meat sold at Colyton Butchers is sourced, when possible, from local farms across the West Country, which can be traced back to the originating farm.

As well as a variety of cuts of meat, other delicious products are available from the extensive delicatessen and bakery. You can also purchase locally-sourced, fresh vegetables to accompany a wide variety of cuts of meat and poultry.

Having won a number of prestigious awards, the butchers has built-up an excellent reputation and not just in Colyton; they attract customers and receive regular orders from across the wider area of East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset, and are so popular they have set up weekly mobile services at Axminster Market on Thursdays.

For more information, visit Colyton Butchers in Market Place or call on 01297 552334

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The Colcombe Castle

IN THE good old days before lots of rules and spoilsportery, pubs were pubs that were centres of village spirit, full of friendliness and where you went on a Saturday night for a rousing sing-song.

These were the pubs of which G.K. Chesterton wrote enthusiastically in 'The Rolling English Road', perfectly capturing the stroll home from such cheery inns in the words: 'A merry road, a mazy road, and such as we did tread The night we went to Birmingham by way of Beachy Head'.

Sadly such pubs are mostly gone – but in the charming centre of Colyton one still remains, The Colcombe Castle.

This 500-year-old inn is a paradise for those seeking the unspoilt, traditional pleasures of a classic English pub – especially on Friday and Saturday nights when The Colcombe Scufflers tune up and play.

Anyone can join in with the Scufflers, the weekends are open-mic nights when old friends and strangers are both welcome to break into song. You can bring your own guitar, or simply borrow one of those available at the pub.

Better still, have a go on the old-style skiffle instruments – the tea chest bass or washboard – as the whole pub launches into a singalong.

It's not just the regular beers – Otter Ale, Otter Bitter and Dartmoor Legend – that won The Colcombe Castle whatpub.com's vote as 'friendly and welcoming', it's the old-style, no-fuss of it.

That means good, simple, value-for-money fare – sandwiches that don't cost an arm and a leg, pasties, sausages and sausage rolls with chips, a variety of jacket potatoes and all of those other traditional pub meals that don't need French as a second language to understand; steak and kidney pudding, cod and chips, ham egg and chips, scampi, vegetarian tart and chicken and bacon melt – hearty, filling and all under a tenner.

And there's a great roast here every Sunday. It's a real find for those who want their pubs to be pubs.

The Colcombe Castle
Market Place, Colyton, Devon EX24 6JS
01297 552257 | www.colcombecastle.co.uk

The Dolphin Hotel

NONE other than TV star Kirstie Allsop is a big fan of The Dolphin and Beer. For Kirstie, it's all about Vacation, Vacation, Vacation and this is one of her perfect places.

'I spent a few weeks here and it was absolute bliss,' says Kirstie, 'Beer is the English seaside experience at its best'.

The Grade II listed Dolphin is precisely that, the best English seaside experience; no flashy frills or pretensions, but simply good, honest English food.

In the bar you can choose from a variety of sandwiches including hot salt beef and the famous Beer crab, said to be the best in the West Country, plus a wide selection of toasties, filled jacket potatoes, baguettes and, as you want in a typical Devon pub, local ales with a choice of traditional ploughman's lunch; cheddar, brie, ham, beef or stilton.

On Sunday lunchtimes The Dolphin becomes a favourite of locals who travel from miles around for the hotel's popular carvery, and it's best to book if you want to join them.

At all other times, The Dolphin's a la carte menu is so ideal for those seeking the traditional that it is almost Seventies Retro. The choice of starters alone cast you back to the good old days of Cortinas and Capris – avocado vinaigrette, fan of melon, egg mayonnaise, prawn or crab cocktail and zhome-smoked salmon platter.

The main meat courses continue in the same tradition, all very John Bull – among them: roast leg of pork with apple sauce, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding with horseradish, steak and kidney pie, braised steak and onions and a 16 oz rib steak.

But it's fish that you come to the seaside for and you won't find fresher than at Beer, where The Dolphin again serves it all very Englishy with none of that Continental malarkey: large local lemon sole, grilled or fried, plaice fillets, whole skate, haddock and cod, grilled or poached Salmon Supreme and of course that classic without which no seaside visit is complete, deep-fried scampi.

And with the puddings including good old-fashioned treats including spotted dick with custard, treacle tart and apple and blackberry crumble, a meal here is a wonderful step back to uncomplicated times, utterly English and unforgettable.

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The Seafood Platter

A WARM welcome awaits you at award-winning gastro pub and seafood restaurant The Seafood Platter.

When searching for a seafood restaurant in East Devon, whether on holiday, a weekend break, living locally or just out for a drive, staff at The Seafood believe that people deserve that bit more.

They pride themselves on their traditional values of hospitality and customer care. Making the most of the beautiful countryside we're set in, The Seafood Platter uses local seafood, and West Country free range, traditionally reared meats on the menu.

They only use the best ingredients available and try to look after their customers in a way which represents how they would like to be treated themselves, with an emphasis on detail, which will make your visit to The Seafood Platter in Beer, East Devon memorable for all the right reasons.

The Seafood Platter
Fore Street, Beer EX12 3EQ
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The Terrace Arts Café

THE award-winning Terrace Arts Café, restaurant, bar, beauty salon and guesthouse offers the very best. You can read what people have to say online, including TripAdvisor, or just pop in and experience for yourself the welcoming ambience that is honest and friendly, offering a unique choice of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free meals. Home made, organic and locally sourced wherever practicable and guaranteed quality is the thread that links all aspects together.

The Terrace's self-catering holiday lets are all en suite, seafront properties with spectacular views of the world heritage Jurassic coast. The holiday lets offer TV, WiFi, tea and coffee, and linen & towels are provided. The lets are always immaculately clean, creating a relaxing atmosphere. The lets are in a central location for sea, walks, bird watching, golf, horse riding, shops pubs cafes restaurants taxi rank outside and bus stop a few yards away.

You can book a suite for a few days or a few weeks – the choice is yours. Prices start from £35 pppn depending on your personal requirements and length of stay etc. There's no better place to be if you want to enjoy sea views in the heart of Seaton – The Terrace offers food, sustenance, pampering and a place to rest.

So if you fancy a cappuccino and home made flapjack or an ice cold beer with nachos or even a three course meal with champagne then stop by and escape to a place that's geared up to suit your needs. They even do take away meals for office, beach or cliff walks!

For reservations text 07586 797571 or call 01297 20225

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Eating Out...

The Anchor Inn

Restaurant & Seaside Hotel

TO borrow a sporting analogy the beer garden at the Anchor Inn Hotel has always been Premiership class.

Perched on the clifftop over-looking Beer beach with majestic views across Lyme Bay the popular sea-front hostelry has a location that is the envy of rivals along the Jurassic coast and beyond.

Now following the recent refurbishment of the Greene King owned establishment, the garden has been given a makeover that arguably elevates it into the Champions League!

"The new garden looks great and will be open and ready for business from Easter," said manager Jim Geremezoglu.

"We are intending to operate an outdoor bar in the garden so that means our customers will no longer have to cross the road and queue at the bar inside during the summer.

"We will also be having B-B-Qs and selling ice creams plus there will be live music in July and August."

The re-fashioned garden has new furniture to go with the landscaping and looks sure to be hit with the regulars and many visitors to the seaside village.

The Anchor Inn

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Daisys' SEATON CAFÉ & TEAROOMS

A RECENT national survey revealed that when the British go on holiday at home, the overwhelming majority don't want to eat like Masterchef. Contrary to what fancy restaurants and clever chefs believe, when it comes to holiday meals most Brits taking a break in Britain simply want to eat traditionally.

And according to the CSM poll, their holiday favourites are:
1. Fish and chips [the top meal for 61%]
2. Bacon butties.
3. Roast dinner.

So it's lucky for those who come to Seaton, then, that Daisy's Café on Harbour Road is the mistress of all three.

Super-smart Lynne Derrick realised the preference for home-cooked, simple favourites when she opened Daisy's Café last year and concentrated on freshly-making what people want to eat. So that's a roast every Sunday lunch and fish and chips and bacon butties always available at all other times.

Consequently, Daisy's Café has become an instant hit with locals and its first summer is set to be a bumper one as visitors flock to the café and ice cream kiosk for every bit of what they fancy; big, tasty sandwiches, deep-filled jacket potatoes, all-day breakfast and all of the other proper British seaside treats.

Nothing is frozen, all the food is fresh, locally-supplied and perfectly-prepared by Lynne and her team to eat inside or outside or takeaway for breakfast, lunch and tea – and cream teas here are a particular treat as Lynne bakes all the scones and cakes herself.

Daisy's Café, feeding the nation just what it wants.

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• Winstons •

Bar & Restaurant

FROM a quick snack after work to a full Sunday roast, or even catering for a large family party, Winstons' chefs produce a variety of delicious, affordable food that always goes down a treat!

Head chef Forrest has created a new summer menu including regular theme nights and fresh daily specials. All produce is sourced from local suppliers. Sunday Roasts are a favourite at just £8.95 with the option of pudding for just a pound!

Winstons can seat up to 20 together in the main bar/restaurant area or, for larger groups, they have a separate function room, with its own bar and toilets, where you can have your own private party for any occasion. This room can seat up to 100.

Book a table to celebrate your birthday or anniversary. Winstons can cater for weddings, funerals, business lunches, work parties or even just family get-togethers. Call to discuss your requirements.

Enjoy your favorite tunes with the lively regular karaoke, live music and open mic nights. Open Mic Night and Jam Session takes place on the second Thursday of every month. Winstons also have a pool table and skittle alley.

Top rock tribute act Purple Zeppelin will play live at Winstons on Saturday, August 1st.

The group bring together the heavy rock stylings of legendary acts Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin on the same bill.

Tickets are £10 in advance, or £13 on the door.

• Winstons •
Bar & Restaurant

Live music from Purple Zeppelin

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The Kingfisher Inn

COLYTON

THE greedy march of chain pubs with their soul-less interiors, cheap beer, loud customers and microwave meals has done more to ruin the old English inn than Hitler's Luftwaffe achieved, but thankfully a few proper old taverns still exist – and The Kingfisher in Colyton is among the best of them.

The visitor looking for an unspoilt, traditional Devon pub where the hospitality is hearty need look no further than this 16th Century inn, easily found in the centre of the town. It's exactly like an old pub should be – traditional roasts on Sundays, meat raffles in the bar every Saturday, CAMRA-rated honest local ales, a beautiful beer garden and a rare place where you can still play skittles, darts and crib.

The Kingfisher is also the friendly home to great British pub grub – fish and chips that are said to be the best in the area, steak and kidney pie, chicken and leek pie, whitebait, stuffed mushrooms, baked salmon, sirloin steak, scampi, egg and chips and raspberry and apple pie are among the choices that are all freshly-homemade and come in large portions.

It is a popular spot with walkers and rave reviews of the welcome at The Kingfisher have come from as far as California. Typical is the thumbs-up from a recent visitor from Birmingham, who wrote: "It's been a long time since we enjoyed a simple, well-cooked pub meal and this pub does the job.

"We had scampi, chips, peas and salad and ham, egg, chips and peas and our meals were thoroughly enjoyable. The food was well presented – no attempts to be a gastropub or anything fancy, just good, wholesome pub grub. We cleared our plates and we just wish that this pub was our local! We will definitely be back."

A great find, a little Devon treasure and highly-recommended by all its patrons.

The Kingfisher Inn

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What's On
in The Axe Valley, July-September 2015

Friday, July 3rd
Seaton: Seaton Eats Boutiques - a street food market for supper with a view. In the Jubilee Gardens. Take your pick from Cuban, Spanish, Persian, Caribbean and more. Food served 5-9pm.

Saturday, July 4th
Seaton: Explore Seaton Branch Line Tour. 3 hour tour from Seaton Tramway. Departing Seaton terminus at 10am, returning 1pm. £17.50 per person includes an All Day Explorer ticket, tea/coffee and cake, with memorabilia pack of nostalgic postcards.

Saturday, July 11th
Seaton: Live stream: 'Celebrating 50 years of the Grateful Dead'. Doors 7.30pm at the Gateway. Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk or call 01297 625699 for more details and to book.

Thursday, July 16th
Seaton: Live stream: National Theatre' 'Everyman'. Doors 6.30pm at the Gateway. Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk or call 01297 625699 for more details and to book.

Friday, July 17th
Seaton: Gateway Comedy Grove. Live comedy night featuring five top stand-ups. Doors 7.30pm at the Gateway. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.

Saturday, July 18th
Seaton: Natural Seaton Festival. At Thury Harcourt Place (by the Tramway terminus). 10am-4pm. Explore our world - the natural beauty of our area. Falcon flying display plus 40 stands.
Seaton: Live stream: Andre Rieu's Mastrich Concert. Doors 6.30pm at the Gateway. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.

Sunday, July 19th
Beer: Peco Open Garden Day. From 10am. Tickets £6 to all visitors, proceeds of which will be donated to the Hospicecare Devon - Pecorama's Charity of the Year. Ticket will include entry to the Gardens, Indoor and Outdoor Play Areas, Model Railway Exhibition plus one ride on the Beer Heights Light Railway.

Wednesday, July 22nd
Seaton: Live stream: Royal Shakespeare Company's Merchant of Venice. Doors 6.30pm at the Gateway. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.

Friday, July 24th
Seaton: Film: 'Into the Woods'. Doors 7pm at the Gateway. Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk or call 01297 625699 for more details and to book.

Saturday, July 25th
Seaton: Bouncy Castle, and Mr Ballooning Bonkers in Jubilee Gardens 11am - 2pm.
Seaton: Hypnotist at PJs. 8/8.30pm - 10.15/10.45pm. 50-60 spaces available. Over 18s only. Tickets £5.
Seaton/Colyton: The 60s Explosion Band play live at Colyton Tram Station. Trams depart Seaton at 7pm, and return at 10.30pm. Music from 8.15pm-10.15pm. BBQ style meal included in ticket price. 1960s fancy dress optional! Tickets for tram, music and food £25 adults, £17 children 3-15, £5 under 3. Tickets for music and food only £18 adults, £12 children 3-15, £5 under 3. Pre-booking advised.
Axmouth: Axmouth Village Show at Coombe Field. From 1.30pm. The Show is an annual event with a focus on local produce, crafts and most of all family enjoyment of our wonderful village.

Saturday, July 25th - Sunday, August 2nd
Seaton: Seaton Air Ambulance week - see page 10 for more details.

Sunday, July 26th
Seaton: Jurassic Coast Bikes on display 10am-4pm.
Seaton: Bird Watching with Donald Campbell. Ride the Tram through two beautiful nature reserves: Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common, along the River Axe estuary. Departing Seaton Tramway terminus at 6pm, returning at 8pm.

Tuesday, July 28th
Beer: Kit Construction Day at Pecorama. For more details visit the website www.pecorama.info

Wednesday, July 29th
Seaton: Spangles the Clown in The Square 10am - 1pm. Willow Weaving Workshop in Windsor Gardens 11am - 2pm.

Friday, July 31st
Seaton: Pirate Day at Seatom Tramway. The 'Seaton Pearl' sets sail once more following the Axe Estuary to Colyton Station.

Saturday, August 1st
Seaton: Artisan Market in Windsor Garden 10am - 1pm
Seaton: All day events for Air Ambulance Week (10am-4pm). Car Boot Sale, ponies, face painting, childrens ride, DAAT Staff/Visitor info. Dog show from 1pm (registration 11.30am).
Seaton: Live music & entertainment on the Air Ambulance Week stage. Seaton Brownies 12-12.45pm, Adam Sweet 1-1.45pm, The Awesomes featuring guest vocalists 2-3.45pm, Vinyl Monkeys (2x1hr sets) 4-6.30pm, At the Vultures Desk 6.30-7.30, DJ Yellowman (Rasta Steve) 7.45-9.30pm.

Sunday, August 2nd
Seaton: All day events for Air Ambulance Week (10am-4pm). Classic Car Show, Children's Ride.
Seaton: Live music & entertainment on the Air Ambulance Week stage. Seaton Majorettes 12.00, FMS (Fran and Mary) 1-2pm, Fire Brigade - RTA demo 2-2.30pm, Short Circuit 3-4pm, Ash (80s covers) 4-5pm, Red Sparrows 5-5.30pm, Diamond Dogz 7-8pm.
Beer: Teddy Mac Day at Pecorama. For more details visit the website www.pecorama.info
Seaton: Jim Henson's Dinosaur Train. From the creator of the Muppets, families and children are sure to enjoy this adventure-filled tram ride with music, stories and new dinosaur activity area at Colyton Station! Plus an opportunity to meet their favourite T.rex, Buddy! Tram departs Seaton terminus at 11am. Adults £14.95, children £9.95 (under 2s free), family 2+2 £39.85. Every child will receive a Goody Bag and Nature Tracker's Guidebook. Pre-book to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday, August 4th
Beer: Kit Construction Day at Pecorama. For more details visit the website www.pecorama.info

Wednesday, August 5th
Seaton: Jurassic Coast Day in Jubilee Gardens 11am - 2pm. Beer Heritage Group Beach Walks, Pebble Painting on the Beach.

Saturday, August 8th
Seaton: Town Criers Competition in The Square 11am - 3pm

Friday, July 3rd
Seaton: Seaton Eats Boutiques - a street food market for supper with a view. In the Jubilee Gardens. Take your pick from Cuban, Spanish, Persian, Caribbean and more. Food served 5-9pm.

Saturday, August 9th
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Saturday, August 9th - Saturday, August 1th
Beer: Beer Regatta Week. A week packed with different events to suit all ages. From scavenger hunts and children's fun to fireworks and late night dances.

Tuesday, August 11th
Beer: Kit Construction Day at Pecorama. For more details visit the website www.pecorama.info

Wednesday, August 12th
Seaton: Polly's Circus Tricks in Jubilee Gardens 11am - 12.30pm. Punch & Judy Magic Show in The Square 11am, 12 pm & 1pm .

Saturday, August 15th
Seaton: Rattle Box Theatre in Windsor Gardens 11am - 2pm

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Saturday, August 22nd
Seaton: Children's Summer Disco and Chinese Drums in Windsor Gardens 11am - 2pm.
Seaton/Colyton: Tom Jones & Elvis Tribute Show - a Vegas spectacular at Colyton Tram Station. Trams depart Seaton at 7pm, and return at 10.30pm. Music from 8.15pm-10.15pm. BBQ style meal included in ticket price. 1960s fancy dress optional! Tickets for tram, music and food £25 adults, £17 children 3-15, £5 under 3. Tickets for music and food only £18 adults, £12 children 3-15, £5 under 3. Pre-booking advised.

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Monday, August 24th - Monday, August 31st
Beer: Beer Heights 40th Anniversary Gala Week. Featuring a week-long series of railway events with guest locos on the the Beer Heights Light Railway. For more details visit www.pecorama.info

Tuesday, August 25th
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Wednesday, August 26th
Seaton: Willow Weaving Workshop in Windsor Gardens 11am - 2pm.
Seaton: Live stream: Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Othello'. Doors 6.30pm at the Gateway. Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk or call 01297 625699 for more details and to book.

Saturday, August 29th
Seaton: Bird Watching with Ian Waite. Ride the Tram through two beautiful nature reserves: Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common, along the River Axe estuary. Departing Seaton Tramway terminus at 9am, returning at 11am.

Monday, August 31st
Seaton: Driver's Eye Experience at Seaton Tramway. A taste of what it's like to drive one of our trams. Cost £30, guest £10 (max 6 people), includes all day travel. Booking advised. Visit www.tram.co.uk

Saturday, September 5th
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Saturday, September 12th
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Colyton: Colyton Illuminated Carnival, from 7.30pm. Other events during the Carnival Week include a Car Treasure Hunt, Arts & Crafts Show, Bingo, Whist Drive, and a Bowls Tournament. Street Market on Petticoat Lane is followed by the Parade.

Sunday, September 20th
Seaton: Live stream: 'Aida' at Sydney Harbour. Doors 1pm at the Gateway. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.

Friday, September 25th
Seaton: Gateway Comedy Grove. Live comedy night featuring top stand-ups. Doors 7.30pm at the Gateway. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.
Seaton/Colyton: An evening at Café René with 'Allo Allo' at Colyton Tram Station. This is going to be a most unforgettable evening of entertainment with a delicious two course French meal. Entertainment 7.30pm-10pm at Colyton Station. Tram departs Seaton station at 7pm, departs Colyton at 10pm. Tickets for Tram, Entertainment and Food £25 adults, £17 children 3-15, and children under 3 £5. Entertainment and food only £18 adults, children 3-15 £12, children under 3 £5. Visit www.tram.co.uk to book.

Saturday, September 26th
Seaton: Live music from the Joliet Blues Band - top tribute to the Blues Brothers, at the Gateway, doors 7.30pm. Call 01297 625699 or Visit www.seatongateway.co.uk for more details and to book.
Seaton: Explore Seaton Branch Line Tour. 3 hour tour from Seaton Tramway. Departing Seaton terminus at 10am, returning 1pm. £17.50 per person includes an All Day Explorer ticket, tea/coffee and cake, with memorabilia pack of nostalgic postcards.
Colyford: Colyford Michaelmas Goose Fayre. From 2pm. A large number of villagers and their friends dress in medieval costume and form a procession which walks through the village. This colourful procession of hundreds of people follow the Mayor of Colyford and his lady down to Springfield to the accompaniment of music and jollity from the Mummers and the many providers of medieval music. Among the entertainers there are mummers, strolling players, dancers and, the highlight of the afternoon, the mummers play. Local residents perform this play, in a light-hearted and humorous manner.

Sunday, September 27th
Seaton: Bird Watching with Ian Waite. Ride the Tram through two beautiful nature reserves: Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common, along the River Axe estuary. Departing Seaton Tramway terminus at 9am, returning at 11am.

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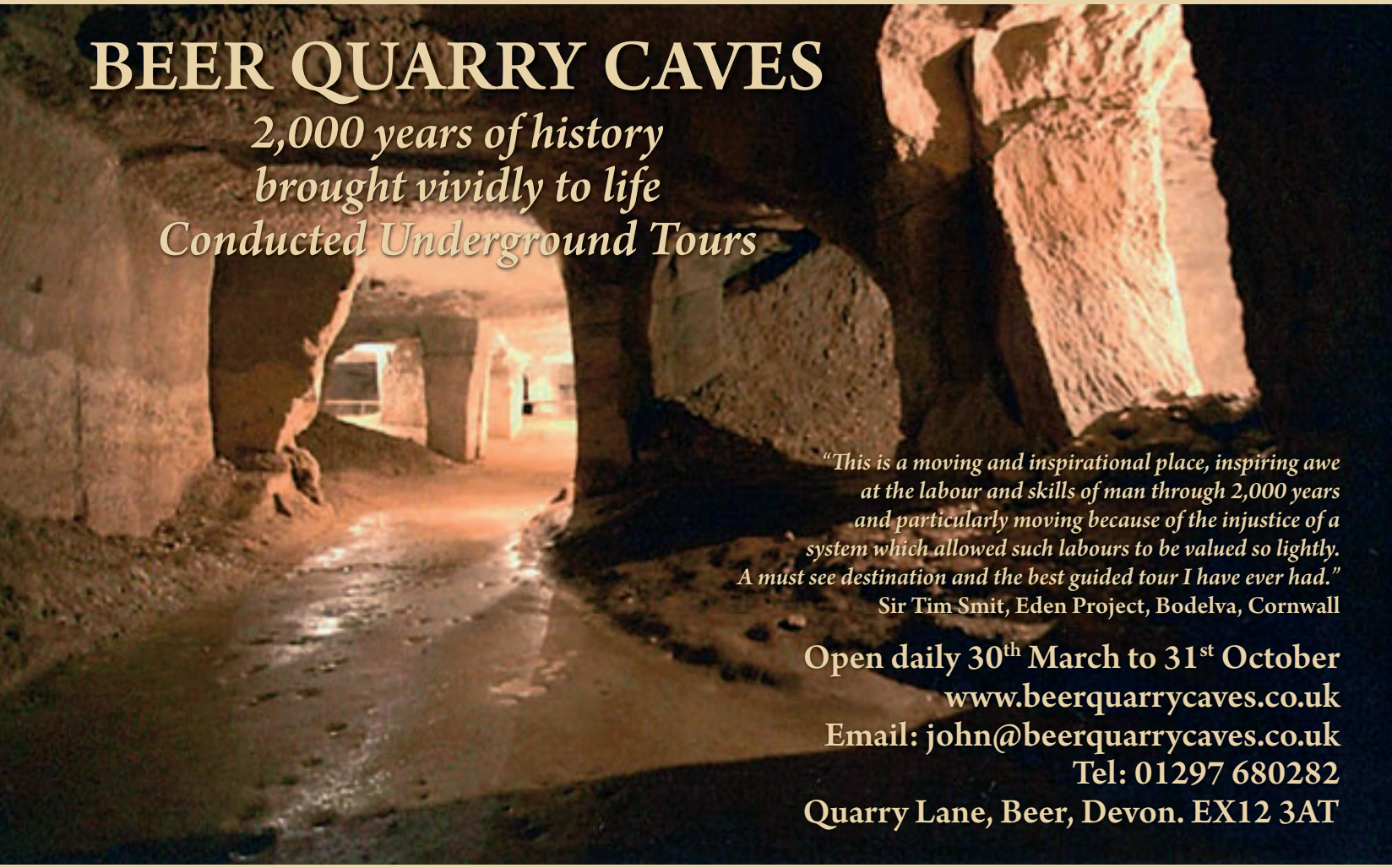

Our guides will take you on an hour long tour through the awe-inspiring caves with their mighty halls of vaulted roofs and pillars of Beer Stone which have been likened to a vast underground cathedral.

This vast man-made complex of underground caverns was created by centuries of quarrying the famous Beer Stone. The underground quarry, first worked by the Romans, supplied stone for 24 cathedrals including Exeter and St. Pauls, parts of Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Hampton Court and Windsor Castle. Quarried by hand, a small block weighing 4 tons, the stone was carted on horse-drawn wagons and by barges from Beer beach to its destination, sometimes involving journeys of several hundreds of miles.

History

The caves have a long and interesting history which not only included quarrying, but also as a refuge and place of worship for Catholics during times of persecution, a hiding place for contraband in the days when Beer was home to the infamous smuggler Jack Rattenbury; legend and human interest stories abound. The quarry was worked from Roman times until the beginning of the 20th. century and the entire complex is a vast memorial to those from the village, some as young as eight years old, who worked here over the centuries in flickering candlelight, providing the stone we see today in some of the oldest and most beautiful buildings in England.